REMARKS

The Office Action mailed October 31, 2006, considered claims 1–42. Claims 1–42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. as being unpatentable over Ferguson et al., U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2002/0129054 (filed Aug. 14, 2001) (hereinafter Ferguson) in view of Khan, U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2002/0032611 (filed Mar. 5, 2001) (hereinafter Khan). [1]

By this response, claims 1-42 are amended such that claims 1-42 remain pending. Claims 1, 10, 19, 25, 31, and 37 are independent claims which remain at issue. Support for the amendments may be found generally throughout the Specification. [2]

It should be noted that, with this response, the Applicants have retained new attorneys of record. The claims, while still capturing and reciting the present invention disclosed within the Specification, have been amended in format and scope. Because of the significant amendments to the claims, specific attention has not been devoted herein to the specific grounds of rejections previously presented with regard to the specific claim language that has now been replaced with new claim language. [3]

As reflected in the amended claims, the present invention is generally directed towards embodiments for enabling web views to be displayable within application dialog boxes and to thereby enhance the functionality of the applications. Claim 1 recites, for instance, in combination with all the elements of the claim, a dialog object sending a request to a server, receiving a response from the server, determining if the server supports a web view page for an application dialog box, and, upon determining that the server supports a web view page for the dialog box, receiving a web view page from the server, displaying the web view page within the dialog box, receiving user input corresponding to an element in the web view, determining if the element is to be processed by a browser module and, if so, processing the element by the browser module, or, if not, passing appropriate information about the element to the dialog box. Claim 10 recites a method similar to that of claim 1 but is recited from the perspective of the

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[1] Although the prior art status of the cited art is not being challenged at this time, Applicant reserves the right to challenge the prior art status of the cited art at any appropriate time, should it arise. Accordingly, any arguments and amendments made herein should not be construed as acquiescing to any prior art status of the cited art.

[2] Particular support may also be found within Specification pp. 3-4, 8-11, & 13-15. However, it should be noted that the invention is taught by the entirety of the Specification, not any particular portion, and due to the extent of the amendments, support must be considered from the entire Specification.

[3] The previous rejections of record are also not being specifically addressed at this time in order to focus attention without distraction upon the scope of the claims as amended and as now presented. Nevertheless, it should be noted that the Applicants do not, by focusing the discussion on the claims as now presented, evince any intent to capitulate to any of the grounds of rejections presented in the recent Office Communication. To the contrary, the Applicants submit that the present invention is, indeed, distinct from the prior art cited of record, but due to the nature of the amendments, the previous grounds of rejection are now moot.

server providing web views instead of the application receiving web views. Claim 19 is a computer program product embodiment of the method recited in claim 1. Claim 25 is a computer program product embodiment of the method recited in claim 10. Claim 31 is a system embodiment of the method recited in claim 1. Claim 37 is a system embodiment of the method recited in claim 10.

The prior art cited within the rejections, including Ferguson and Khan, is generally directed towards embodiments for integrating network functionality into spreadsheets and for sourcing data to bills of materials and configuration software, respectively.[4] It should be noted that Ferguson and Khan, taken either singly or in combination, fail to teach or suggest all the elements as recited in the newly amended claims. In particular, the cited combination of art fails to teach or suggest any embodiment in which a dialog object determines if the server supports a web view page for an application dialog box, and, upon determining that the server supports a web view page for the dialog box, receives and displays a web view page from the server within the dialog box, and wherein upon receiving user input corresponding to an element in the web view, determines if the element is to be processed by a browser module and, if so, processes the element by the browser module, or, if not, passes appropriate information about the element to the dialog box, as claimed in combination with the other recited claim elements.

Because both the elements and scope of the amended claims are sufficiently different than the previously presented claims, the Applicants submit that the claims, themselves, speak best to the limitations and their distinctions over the prior art and further submit that any discussion of any particular claim element or elements within these remarks, absent a complete recitation of all the claims with corresponding discussion, would be insufficient to convey the distinctions.

For at least the foregoing reasons, and in view of the amendments presented in this paper, the Applicants submit that the claims, as now presented, are distinct from the cited prior art and are in condition for allowance. The Applicants respectfully request the Examiner carefully consider the claims as now presented and, after review and an updated search, allow the claims as now presented.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the other rejections to the claims are now moot and do not, therefore, need to be addressed individually at this time. It will be appreciated, however, that this should not be construed as Applicants acquiescing to any of the purported teachings or assertions made in the last action regarding the cited art or the pending application, including any official notice. Instead, Applicants reserve the right to challenge any of the purported teachings or assertions made in the last action at any appropriate time in the future, should the need arise. Furthermore, to the extent that the Examiner has relied on any Official Notice, explicitly or implicitly, Applicants specifically
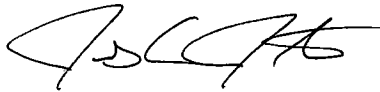
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[4] *See, generally*, Ferguson; *see, generally*, Khan.

request that the Examiner provide references supporting the teachings officially noticed, as well as the required motivation or suggestion to combine the relied upon notice with the other art of record.

In the event that the Examiner finds remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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